(c) As per NASSCOM study (McKinsey Report) 23.67 lakhs of jobs are estimated to be created by the end of Tenth Five Year Plan period.

Telephone facility in village Pachayats of Rajasthan

2230. DR. ABRAR AHMED: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of village Panchayats in Sawai Madhopur and Karoli, Rajasthan which are still without telephone facility; and

(b) by when, telephone facility is likely to be provided to all the village Panchayats?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) 13 Village Panchayats in Sawai Madhopur and 42 Village Panchayats in Karoli districts are still without telephone facility in Rajasthan.

(b) M/s Shyam Telelink Ltd. the private basic telephone service provider in Rajasthan has planned to cover these by December, 2003.

Waiting list for Telephone connections in ASSAM

2231. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons on waiting list for telephone connections in Assam as on the 31st March, 2002, district-wise; and

(b) the steps taken by Government to clear the above waiting list?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) The number of persons on waiting list for the telephone connections as on 31st March, 2002 were 10101. Revenue district-wise break up is furnished in the enclosed Statement *(See* below*)*.